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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF MILITARY TRAINING

REF: QUITO 2410

1. SUMMARY. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED FROM RESUMPTION OF TRAINING, BUT BEFORE DECISION CAN BE MADE TO PROCEED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS, ON WHICH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY WILL BE REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

2. AGREEMENT. WE HAVE NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH ECUADOR. GOE DENOUNCED PREVIOUS AGREEMENT IN 1969; AND AT TIME ECUADOR PROGRAM WAS TERMINATED IN 1971, IT WAS OPERATING ON BASIS OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FORMULATED IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES. ALTHOUGH AN AGREEMENT SUCH AS WAS  
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NEGOTIATED IN THE PAST PURSUANT TO SECTION 505 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR TRAINING, IT WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE TRAINING CAN BE RESUMED TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL CURRENCY DEPOSITS (AMOUNTING TO 10 PERCENT OF ALL GRANT ASSISTANCE). THIS IS REQUIRED UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT SECTION 514, WHICH WAS ENACTED SUBSEQUENT TO 1971 TERMINATION OF ECUADOR PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF GOE WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOE HAS UP TO NOW MAINTAINED THAT FMS AND MAP ISSUES ARE INSEPARABLE. IS GOE NOW PREPARED TO CHANGE ITS POSITION AND DROP LINKAGE OF THESE TWO MATTERS?

3. SCOPE OF PROGRAM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SPECIFICS ON GOE REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF TRAINING. BY WHOM WAS IT MADE AND IN WHAT FORM? WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING, AND HOW LARGE A PROGRAM, IS ENVISAGED?

4. AID DEDUCTIONS. WE WILL SOON BE FACING MANDATORY NOTIFICATION AND DECISION ON WAIVER OF AID DEDUCTIONS UNDER 1972 AMENDMENTS TO FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT, AND THESE PROVISIONS APPLY EQUALLY TO MILITARY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS. DOES EMBASSY CONSIDER GOE IS LIKELY TO WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL FOR RESUMPTION OF MILITARY TRAINING IF WE PROCEED WITH NOTIFICATION?

5. ARREARAGES; FURTHERMORE, WE ARE ALREADY FACED WITH THE FACT THAT ECUADOR REMAINS IN ARREARS ON FMS CREDIT REPAYMENTS, AND WE HAVE HAD NO SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO OUR TWO YEAR OLD REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF THIS DELINQUENCY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY A RESUMPTION OF TRAINING WITHOUT A CONCURRENT RESUMPTION OF FMS REPAYMENTS.

6. FUNDING. FY 73 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT INCLUDED CAVEAT THAT RESUMPTION OF MAP TO ECUADOR WAS CONTINGENT UPON RESOLUTION OF FISHING CONTROVERSY. THE FY 74 PRESENTATION CONTAINED NO SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR ECUADOR. WHILE FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE PROPOSED REGIONAL TOTAL, WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY ANY PROPOSED DIVERSION, CONSIDERING LEGISLATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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7. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO POSTPONE ANY ACTION TO RESUME MILITARY TRAINING UNTIL AN ANALYSIS CAN BE MADE OF YOUR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOVE. ROGERS

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